GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1830
ANSWERED ON:04.08.2005
AGREEMENT BETWEEN AASU AND ONGC
Sarma Dr. Arun Kumar

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that AASU and ONGC entered into an agreement from socio-economic development and employment opportunities in Assam;

(b) if so, the details of the agreement and the results achieved there from, point -wise; and

(c) the points which are yet to be fulfilled alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYER)

(a) No, Sir. According to the information received from the ONGC, the company has not entered into any agreement with AASU. However, several meetings have been held between ONGC and AASU at New Delhi, Sibsagar and Guwahati in which various issues, including socio-economic development of the region have been raised by AASU.

(b) and (c) A summary of the issues raised and discussions held is annexed.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c)OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1830 BY DR.ARUN KUMAR SARMA TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH AUGUST 2005 REGARDING THE SUMMARY OF ISSUES RAISED by AASU AND STATUS OF ACTION TAKEN THEREON

SL.NO.	ISSUE/ POINTS RAISED	INITIATIVES/ ACTION
1.	Recruitment-500 posts (including 250 Security Personnel) in Class-III & IV. and all Class III & IV Posts, as and when vacancy exists, are filled up from local areas.	Recruitment in ONGC is open and transparent To match the requirement, a proposal for raising one Battalion dedicated to our operations in Assam has been approved by the Board and submitted to the State Government for quick action. This would mean recruitment of about 1400 personnel (staff and officers) from the state, exclusively for ONGC to meet its long term requirements. Also 26 Junior Technical Assistants (Chemistry) and 05 paramedical posts have been filled up. Further recruitment will be done as and when the need arises.
2.	Preservation of Monuments in and around Sivasagar (Assam)	ONGC have no expertise in the preservation of monuments. Archeological Survey of India can be given the specific task after identifying specific needs with Govt. of Assam. ONGC would be ready to participate in such a venture. However, action is to be steered by AASU. No specific proposal has been received till date.

3. Construction and repair of roads/ bridges ONGC have taken sincere initiatives to participate in construction/ repair of roads and bridges in and around its area of operations.

During the last three years, major works were taken up for construction, repair of roads and bridges in areas like Lakwa, North Bank and Demulgaon areas, Geleki, Rudrasagar etc. at a cost of Rs. 15.56 crores in Sibsagar District. Also similar action is being taken in and around Jorhat District where ONGC operates.

In addition to the above, ONGC has agreed to provide funds to the tune of Rs. 11.00 crores to the state PWD Department, Govt. of Assam, for construction of the following main roads:

S.No.	Details of the road	Length (Kms.)
1.	Sepon-Sumpura Road	21
2.	Geleky Road	18
3.	Lakwa Road	17
4.	Kharikatia Ali	15
5.	Dhudar Ali	10
	Total Length (Kms.)	81

A part of the above fund has already been released for taking up the work.

4. Computers ONGC provided money for 20 Computers at a total cost of Rs.5.0 lakhs (@ Rs. 25,000/- per P.C.) for providing training to the unemployed youths. After successful installation/ verification of these computers, 10 more computers would be provided in next phase.

No specific proposal has been received with respect to identified school / college / university / vocational centers etc. to whom help / support is to be provided. ONGC is still awaiting feedback from AASU.

5. Special financial support to Medical Colleges. Dr. B. Baruah Cancer Institute was provided with Rs. 5.0 Lakhs for certain projects. Similarly the Shankar Netralaya, Guwahati has been provided Rs.11.0 lakhs.

6. Campus interview at Dibrugarh University. It is being conducted for students of Applied Geology and upto 05 students are being provided recruitment opportunity every year, subject to their fulfilling the qualifying criteria.

7. Hostels at Guwahati Dibrugarh Universities. ONGC does not have any mandate in the infrastructure/ construction sector as per the company's Corporate Citizenship Policy. However, ONGC would look into specific areas of support. If specific proposals are received.

8. North East Library at Guwahati. ONGC has agreed to provide books upto Rs. 2.0 lakhs to the Library at Guwahati University in phases.

	However, a detailed proposal is awaited from Guwahati University.	
9.	Chowling Sukhapha International Institute of Research.	Institute has not come forward with any specific proposal for assistance.